

quota, from the nearby province. That is the appeal that I make to the Diwan of Cochin through the President. Apart from that, consistently with our gratitude to the Madras Government, we have a case to be presented to the Madras Government on the ground of reciprocity that for one ton of cheap fuel that we give, let us pray and succeed in getting one ton of rice at their home price, not at cheap price, or if necessary more. But let us have the transport charges fair, is the proposition that I place before this House. Please understand the true implications of this suggestion and I am sure it will be worked out and successfully worked out.

Yes, Sir, I believe I have exhausted all the points, all the main heads of my suggestions that I wanted to place before the House, because I am not in possession of all the papers before me—I have other papers which have fused—and therefore I am not in possession of all the weapons. Because of the intensity of feeling in my heart at this all-arresting question of food supply to the poor 14 lakhs of people of Cochin, I am able from my memory to place before this House these major heads and if necessary I can pass on to the authorities the detailed suggestions that I have. Then, Sir, I wanted to wind up my debate with an expression of thankfulness to all those concerned in the successful rationing and the almost successful commandeering that was happily introduced here by our ex-Diwan Mr. Dixon, whose name will ever be cherished in the mind of every citizen of the State, rich, or poor, living in the town or in the rural areas. And I am happy to note, and every Hon'ble Member in this House will be happy to note, that as far as the food question is concerned, our present Diwan, distinguished Diwan, is trying to improve upon the system that is introduced by our late Diwan, and let all success crown his efforts is the humble prayer that goes from the bottom of my heart, as also from the bottom of the heart of every representative of this House, though most of the seats are vacant. (*Laughter*). Sir, I do wind up this debate for fear of time. All that was stated during the course of these two days so graciously granted by you, Sir, but stifled unfortunately, was not advanced in any spirit of criticism. It was in the shape of helpful suggestions, suggestions placed before a responsive government, which we want to be responsible, suggestions placed before such a government to react to the extent possible, and I may tell this House that I am convinced that reaction upon these suggestions will be had to the extent to which it is possible, with the limitations wherever those limitations exist. Yes, Sir, I wanted to thank the Government for what they have done, and also the hon'ble members, every section of this House, which had contributed suggestion after suggestion, and I was not surprised to find that when it was nearing 5 O'clock during the last day and as also I had given notice of my intention that this is not a proposition which I had brought forward to defeat the Government of Cochin by a vote against them, but only in the shape of helpful suggestions, that the benches were empty and the reading on the walls, namely, five, created a feeling, I do not know how to describe, and therefore, had to close. I submit again, once more, Sir, I thank every Hon'ble Member of this House for having contributed his mite in the discussion and thank every Hon'ble Member in the Treasury Benches for the patient hearing they were giving us. I thank the distinguished Diwan of Cochin for assuring that to the extent possible reactions immediate will follow. Once again thanking the House, I resume my seat.

Mr. President : I take it that the Hon'ble Member has achieved his object which was only to raise a discussion. I hope he does not want anything further to be done about this motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : I don't want anything more. It was simply to raise a discussion that I tabled this motion.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill—Mr. K. S. Panicker

Mr. President : We will now take up Legislative Business. We will continue the discussion of Mr. K. S. Panicker's Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : Mr. President, I move under the Standing Orders that the discussion on this useful measure be passed over and I make this motion with the consent of the Hon'ble mover of this amending Bill with the object of having a joint consideration of another amendment tabled by me which is coming up tomorrow. My amendment contains the provisions of this amending Bill also. So a joint consideration of both the proposed amendments may be very helpful and it will facilitate the business of the House and with the consent of the Hon'ble mover of this Bill as already stated I move that this be passed over.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram) : Sir, I have no objection.

Motion put and carried